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Religious Interest Up Says Editors

ATLANTA, Ga. —(RNS)— A quickening of religious interest is manifest in almost every section of the nation, newspaper executives attending the seventeenth annual meeting of the Associated Press Managing Editors Association here agreed.

To obtain opinions of the editors on pertinent topics, an Atlanta newspaper distributed questionnaires asking: Have you detected any increase in religious interest? If so, do you attribute it to war? psychological insecurity? supernatural causes? economic conditions? Another question dealt with the "moral level in your area."

The editors were almost unanimous in affirmative answers to the question on greater religious interest. Most of them thought psychological insecurity was the chief cause. War was listed as a close second.

Fred Heaberlin, of the St. Paul, Minn., Dispatch and Pioneer Press, gave as reasons for the trend: "Probably world unrest; fear of war; uncertainty of the future. Religious upswing began in World War II and has not diminished."

Frank Fuller, of the Associated Press, Richmond, Va., answered: "Need for something constant, comforting in an age of puzzling change."

On the question of morals, most of the editors agreed there was little change.

Herbert Waggoner, of the Hutchinson, Kansas, News-Herald, thought the moral level was lower and attributed it largely to juvenile delinquency.

Stanley E. Hart, of the Tribune-Chronicle, Warren, O., gave these reasons: "Looser living, increased crime, juvenile delinquency, more divorces; many people nowadays have more money than they know how to spend wisely."

Roberts Elected President Of State Brotherhood Secretaries

In their annual meeting at Biloxi, the Brotherhood Secretaries of the Southern Baptist Convention chose W. R. Roberts, Mississippi Brotherhood Secretary as president, and decided to have their 1951 meeting in New Orleans, November 28-30.

The State Secretaries discussed five main divisions of their Brotherhood work: Organization and Promotion, Programs, Activities, Guidebook, and Relation to Church.

Forrest Sawyer of Illinois was elected as vice-president and B. D. King of Georgia as secretary-treasurer.

J. A. Pennington of Oklahoma, presided over the meeting, which had better attendance than any previous session. Present were: George W. Schrepe- (Continued on Page Two)

Rev. Gary O. Parker Named Convention Board President

BARNES IS VICE-PRES.; LANDRUM SECT.; MARTIN ASST.

Home Mission Board Plans Expansion

ATLANTA, Ga. —(RNS)— A budget of \$1,450,000 was adopted by the Home Mission Board at its annual sessions here. This is a \$70,000 increase over last year's budget.

The budget was voted after Courts Redford, assistant executive secretary, told the board that it needed 1,025 missionaries in the next five years.

Mr. Redford said that Southern Baptists have "grown almost three times as rapidly as the population, with two- (Continued on Page Two)

Training Union Convention Meets In Columbus Dec. 28-29

Training Union Secretary Auber J. Wilds announces that the annual Mississippi Baptist Training Union Convention will meet with the First Church, Columbus, December 28-29. Officers of the Convention are Kermit R. Cofer, Water Valley, president; Bill Watson, McComb, vice-president; Miss Gordy Hughes, Quitman, secretary.

Out-of-state speakers who have parts on the program include: Dr. J. E. Lambdin, Southwide Training Union Secretary; Dr. C. Y. Dossey, Assistant Secretary of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board; J. D. Riddle, Secretary of Music for Texas; Mrs. J. D. Riddle, Associate-Secretary of Music for Texas; and Mrs. J. E. Lambdin, Associate in Southwide Training Union Department.

Sessions will be held Thursday morning, Thursday afternoon, Thursday evening, December 28 and Friday morning, December 29. Adjournment is scheduled

Rev. Howard Aultman, pastor of the First Church, Holly Springs, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Radio Hour on December 10, using the theme "Looking Unto Jesus." He will use as his subject on that day, "God's Majestic Love."

Mr. Aultman will be heard over the following stations: at 8 a. m. over WHBQ, Memphis; WRBC, Jackson; WLOX, Biloxi; WRJW, Picayune and at 9 a. m. over WROB, West Point.



Dr. J. E. Lambdin, Southwide Training Union Secretary will speak at the State Training Union Convention and have conferences on Friday morning.

for one o'clock on Friday.

The program follows:

PROGRAM

State Baptist Training Union Convention
First Baptist Church, Columbus,
December 28-29, 1950
Thursday Morning

- 10:00—O Worship the King
Song, Prayer, Scripture.
Devotional thought, Mrs. J. E. Lambdin
 - 10:15—Welcome, Dr. S. R. Woodson
 - 10:25—President's message, Kermit R. Cofer
 - 10:40—Training Union is Growing Up, Fifty Progressive Years
Dr. J. E. Lambdin
 - 11:25—Announcements—Committees apt.
 - 11:30—Training Union in the Evangelistic Crusade, Dr. C. Y. Dossey, Afternoon and Evening
 - 1:30—Music in Worship, J. D. Riddle
 - 2:00—Small Ensembles
 - 3:00—Large Ensembles
 - 4:00—Hymn Playing, several sections
Rehearsal of Sacred Concert
Young People's Speaking
 - 5:00—Recess
 - 7:00—Song, Prayer, Scripture
Devotional Thought, Mrs. J. E. Lambdin
 - 7:15—Offering
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W. R. ROBERTS

Meeting in the Baptist Building, Monday afternoon December 4th, in its annual meeting, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board elected the "Biggest Preacher" in Mississippi as president. He is Rev. G. O. Parker, Carthage pastor and Leake County board member.

Other officers elected are: Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., pastor Main Street Church Hattiesburg, Vice-President, Dr. John W. Landrum, pastor First Church Batesville, Assistant-Secretary.

Re-elected to the Executive Committee are: Dr. John W. Landrum, Rev. W. L. Meadows, Quitman; Rev. M. D. Morton, Crystal Springs; and Rev. C. W. Thompson, Aberdeen.

New members of the Executive Committee are: Rev. G. O. Parker, Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., Dr. W. Landon Miller, Brookhaven, Marion W. Perry, Philadelphia and Kermit R. Cofer, Water Valley.

As recommended by the Budget and Allocations Committee the following distributions of percentages was adopted:

Southwide	50%
State Causes	50%
State Missions	22%
Christian Education	20%
Baptist Orphanage	04%
Ministerial Education	02%
Baptist Foundation	01%
Baptist Hospital	01%

TOTAL 50%

Faced with unsettled conditions and heavy expenditures for Building Aid in past years, and in view of the fact that Building Aid requests totaled \$191,000, (Continued on Page Two)

FRIENDS

By Duke K. McCall

Executive Secretary

Southern Baptist Convention
Executive Committee

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Duke K. McCall, Nashville, and Dr. W. A. Criswell, Dallas, have just returned to the United States after a round-the-world tour of various existing and prospective Southern Baptist mission fields of the world. Following is one of Dr. McCall's reports written from Bangkok, Thailand. Friends met us in Bangkok, Thailand (Siam) with Cocoa-colas in their outstretched hands. I do not know which we were happiest to see—friends or the evidence of American culture.

Bangkok is trying to catch up with New York. P. T. Barnum, of the old Barnum and Bailey circus, has made them change the name of the country from Siam to Thailand. He invented the name Siamese twins. Now in order not to be thought of as a land of freaks the name Siam is taboo.

It is not an old land. Bangkok with canals running down every street is about like the New Orleans of a century (Continued on Page Two)

Rev. Gary O. Parker

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the board adopted the recommendation of the Adult Committee "that this item (Building Aid) be omitted for 1951."

It was also voted that \$5,000 be set aside for emergency grants for Building Aid. It was stated that emergency grants refer to fire, flood or tornado.

The Committee to study the work of Institutional Visitation made the following recommendations which were adopted:

"1 That the Institutional Visitation work be continued not as a separate department but a special work in the Executive Department under the direction of the Executive Committee."

"2 That the worker be a staff member of the Executive Department and not a department secretary."

"3 That the Executive Committee be instructed to outline the program of work and the Executive Secretary direct the activities of the worker."

The report was made by a committee signed by Dr. Wilbern Lawrence, Dr. W. Landon Miller, Dr. S. R. Woodson, J. O. Rankin, and Dr. Charles S. Henderson.

The Board instructed the nominating committee to further study the naming of a Music Director. The Nominating Committee later recommended that W. C. Morgan be elected Secretary of the Music Department. Full details concerning this will be made in next week's issue. It also requested that a study be made for the year 1951 as to receipts produced by the Mississippi Baptist Foundation through its own efforts produced with expenditures.

Treasurer J. E. Lane, and Rev. Herman Milner were instructed by the board to make an inventory of all convention owned radio equipment and transfer it to Jackson.

Press time makes it impossible to carry the remainder of the Board proceedings. These will appear in the next issue.

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FRIENDS

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ago. Three centuries ago ocean vessels could sail over Bangkok to Ayudha, the capitol of the country, sixty miles north. The level of the land around Bangkok has gradually risen above the sea. That is symbolic of the culture of the people.

Prince Dhani arranged for me to tour the royal palace. The prince explained his hospitality and the welcome given to everything American including cokes by saying, "We like the United States because you helped us get our treaties revised so we could have justice and freedom." That makes Siam at least one place in the world where our policy has worked.

Siam has a selective service system for Buddhist priests. Every male must spend at least thirty days as a priest. There is quite a ceremony when he is made a priest. His head is shaved and he rides in a parade dressed in his yellow priestly robes with a lotus leaf in his hand.

Entering the Buddhist priesthood is a short cut to a divorce. The Buddhist priest can take back his wife after he ceases to be a priest if he likes, or he can pick out another one.

The people of Siam are not really Buddhists. That is just the state religion to be used on state occasions. You do not find it in India, the land of its birth, nor in the hearts of the Siamese.

The Siamese worship all sorts of spirits, mostly evil ones, which they try to keep away. Every dwelling has a little spirit house filled with clay figures. Even the Baptist missionaries have them

because they live in rented houses. The landlord would rather move his tenants than his spirits. The missionary children think they are doll houses. The spirits do not seem to mind being used as toys.



Mississippi Baptist leaders in session at the annual Convention Board meeting at the Baptist Building in Jackson, Monday, December 4, left to right seated are: Rev. Chester Quarles, re-elected executive secretary; Rev. G. O. Parker, of Carthage, the new Convention Board president and J. E. Lane of Jackson, re-elected treasurer; standing, left to right, Dr. John W. Landrum, Canton, re-elected secretary; Rev. Robert W. Martin, Batesville, re-elected secretary; Rev. Robert W. Martin, Batesville, re-elected assistant secretary and Dr. John E. Barnes of Hattiesburg, vice-president. (Photo by Cliff Bingham, Clarion-Ledger staff photographer).

Home Mission Board

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thirds of the Baptists of the world living in our Convention territory."

Southern Baptist home mission goals for the years 1950-55 include doubling the number of churches in outposts, adding 180 mission stations in language fields in the United States, and enrolling a total of 5,000,000 in mission schools.

It was reported that the board currently has 775 missionaries and 281 part-time workers on its rolls.

The Rev. S. F. Dowis, representing the cooperative missions department, reported a "good year" in city, rural, western, and mountain missions.

He said that the rural church program is "taking hold rapidly through the entire South," and that a total of 110 mission stations and 69 churches were established in Western states last year.

A department of evangelism report said that a total of about 400,000 baptisms was expected to be recorded by the denomination in 1950. Such a figure would set a record for the fourth successive year, it was said. The 1949 total was 334,862.

Guy Bellamy, reporting on the board's Negro work, said that "leaders, white and colored, tell me that the best way for us to help the Negroes is to help train their leaders, who can do far more with their own people than we can ourselves."

The chaplains commission informed the board that 259 Southern Baptist clergymen are serving as military chaplains in the Pacific theater, Europe, the Caribbean, Alaska, and the United States.

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THE WHOLESALE COMMODITY price index (1926 equal 100) hit a record high of 171.1 on November 18, compared with 168.7 on Oct. 21, and 151.6 on Nov. 19, 1949. (Editor's Note: This means pastors can't buy as much with the same salary.)

Training Union Convention

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7:25—Sacred Concert

8:45—Ye Shall Be Witnesses Unto Me

Dr. C. Y. Dossey

Friday Morning

9:00—Sectional Meetings

Children's Bible Stories

Junior Memory Work

Intermediate Sword Drill

Young People in Conference

Adult Human Interest Stories

General Officers in Conference

11:15—General Assembly

11:20—Report of Committees

11:30—We Are a Part of the Six Million

Chester L. Quarles

12:00—Introduction of Contestants

12:30—Tomorrow is A New Year!

Mrs. J. E. Lambdin

1:—Final Adjournment

Roberts Elected President

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der, Memphis; Judge and Mrs. John W. McCall, Memphis; Hugh F. Latimer, Memphis, Hobson Shirey, Alabama, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Sawyer, Illinois; Thomas T. Holloway, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pennington, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Sivells, Texas; Dr. and Mrs. R. J. West, Missouri; John A. Farmer, South Carolina, Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Tapscott, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Tull, Arkansas; G. A. Ratterree, Florida; Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Newman, Louisiana; Bernard D. Kink, Georgia; Mr. and Mrs. Horace Headrick, Laurel; Chester Quarles, Jackson; A. L. Goodrich, Jackson; W. R. Roberts, Jackson, Mississippi; Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Delzell, Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Hodge, Biloxi; Lawson H. Cooke, Memphis.

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"M" Night In The Training Union

By CHESTER L. QUARLES
Executive Secretary

December 4 is the night that has been set for mass meetings in the Training Union work all over the Southern Baptist Convention. Most of our Associations had such a meeting on last Monday night. Some had their meetings prior to that time, and some will yet have these "M" night mass meetings in the Associations. It is a good time, therefore, for us to consider the value, importance and significance of the Baptist Training Union.

The Training Union is one of our youngest phases of the work. Actually, the first Union was organized in the Southern Baptist Convention back in the 1880's. The BYPU auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1895. It was only after the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention began to actively participate in the promotion and development of the Baptist Training Union work that it really took fire in Southern Baptist churches.

The history and growth of Baptist Training Union is in deed and in truth a thrilling story. A great Mississippian, Dr. L. P. Leavell, was the first BYPU Secretary of our Sunday School Board. He was succeeded by the incumbent, Dr. J. E. Lambdin, whose life and work simply could not be measured in finite terms. His leadership has been grand and glorious, and the development within the various states has been most significant.

Mississippi Leadership

Mr. Auber J. Wilds has been the Training Union Secretary for Mississippi Baptists for many years. He has labored effectively and well in promoting the Baptist Training Union work in our State. Uncomplainingly, he has traveled in busses, on trains and in automobiles, living out of a suitcase most of the time, eating good food and, in some instances, bad food, but yet doing it because of that "one consuming passion" that he had, Mississippi Baptists will never realize the full debt that it owes to Mr. and Mrs. Auber J. Wilds.

Major Objectives

The major objective of the Training Union is the training of Baptists in church membership. We believe that Baptists should have doctrinal stamina. We believe that Baptists should know why they are Baptists. They should know the teachings of the word of God relative to the church, its polity, its organization, and its work.

We believe that our Baptist people should be trained in evangelism, stewardship, missions, Bible study, and church history. We believe that a Christian ought to be developed in various phases of his life. Whatever talent he has, we feel ought to be given to God and cultivated and developed to the best of the individual's ability. The Baptist Training Union has set itself to the task of aiding in such development of the personality and talents.

Missions

The Baptist Training Union is a great missionary organization. Countless preachers and young ladies who offer themselves for full-time Christian service state that it was in a Training Union that they caught the first vision of the possibilities of their lives given wholly unto God. The Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention states that a majority of the applicants for work in the foreign fields,

representing Christ and Southern Baptists, state in giving their experience that it was in the Training Union that they caught the first vision of the possibilities of their lives given in foreign missionary work. We, therefore, believe in the Baptist Training Union as the great missionary organization.

Stewardship

How we do need to develop our people in the stewardship of possessions! We feel that Southern Baptists are making real strides of progress along this line. We know that the positive promotion and the consecrated preaching is getting the job done. Our people are beginning to catch the vision of tithing and being good stewards of their possessions. We need to magnify this, we need to preach it more, and we need to train more people in the grace of giving. We believe it is a great stride of spiritual progress when an individual devotes his possessions, his money, as well as his time and talents, unto the Glory of God.

Associational Organizations

Mr. Leonard Wedel is the Director of the associational work of the Baptist Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. He, along with our State Secretary, Mr. Auber J. Wilds, desires to see the day come when an effective associational organization is set up in every Association in the state. They feel that the only way we can ever reach all the churches and, therefore, all of our people with a training program of Southern Baptists is to do it through an associational organization.

We, therefore, call upon every pastor who lives within the bounds of an Association with the Baptist Training Union work not properly organized to rise up and give the necessary leadership to such a cause. Many laymen and laywomen could do likewise. This is so urgent because there are countless boys and girls and men and women in many churches in our beloved State of Mississippi who have no opportunity for the effective training that the Baptist Training Union offers. We must reach the last church and the last person. It is a God given task.

—BR—

Joe Wheeler Church Organized in Laurel

The Joe Wheeler Mission which has been sponsored by the Second Avenue Church, Laurel, has been organized into a Baptist Church.

Thirteen preachers and many representatives of neighboring churches were present for the organization ceremony. The sermon was preached by Rev. H. J. Rushing, pastor of the West Laurel Church and the dedicatory prayer was led by Dr. L. G. Gates, pastor-emeritus of the First Church, Laurel.

Special mention was made of the significant service rendered by Rev. C. J. Rushing, county missionary. He led in the beginning of the movement toward regular work in that area.

The church has called Rev. Harold Ishee as pastor. He has preached regularly there since April. J. Q. Newcomb was elected clerk and treasurer.

A building fund has already been started for the purpose of adding more space to the present building. The property now occupied by the church cost \$2,400.

B. S. Hilbun Resigns Eastview Pastorate



B. S. HILBUN

After five years of faithful service with the Eastview (formerly Mt. Oral) church, Laurel, Rev. B. S. Hilbun has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Calvary Church, Mobile.

Prior to his call, Eastview Church had maintained only a half-time program. Under his leadership the church has maintained a fulltime program, completed the church building, adding eight additional Sunday School rooms, spent approximately \$2,000 in improvement of church grounds, built a magnificent brick pastor's home, maintained a bus for transportation, reseated the auditorium, purchased a new piano and pulpit, and added 215 new members to the church membership.

Mr. Hilbun will begin his work with the Calvary Church in Mobile on December 15.

He has also been selected to go on a preaching mission to the Bahama Islands the first of January with other pastor of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Pearlhaven Church Observes Homecoming

Pearlhaven Church, Brookhaven observed Homecoming Day on November 19, which proved to be quite a success. Her aim was to be debt free on that date. The Church debt of \$4,100 was reduced to \$1,225 by the gracious giving of members, former members and friends of the Church.

The Church not only gained in material possessions, but also was spiritually blessed, as two people united in Christian fellowship on that day.

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LEO MANGUM IS PASTOR CALVARY, VICKSBURG

Rev. Leo Mangum has been called as pastor of the Calvary Church, Vicksburg, where he succeeds Rev. Leonard T. Van Horn. Mr. Mangum came to the church from the pastorate of Calvary Church, Greenwood.

Pastor Mangum is a native of Magee and his wife, the former Kathleen Hudson, is the daughter of the late Rev. J. W. Hudson of Taylorsville. Both are students at Mississippi College, and will graduate in January. Following graduation they will move into the recently completed parsonage of the Calvary Church.

The Mangums have three children: Hudson Lee, age 6; Janet, 3; Leo, Jr., 5 months.

DR. J. D. GREY HONORED ON 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of the First Baptist Church, New Orleans, celebrated his 25th year in the Gospel ministry November 28. Honoring the pastor, the church published a silver anniversary bulletin November 26 and gave a testimonial dinner November 28 at which Dr. Frank Tripp, superintendent of Southern Baptist Hospital, was the principal speaker.

Dr. Grey who was ordained by the Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah, Kentucky, at the age of 18 has spent more than half of his ministry at his current post. Previously he served as pastor of Baptist churches in Ennis and Denton, Texas, after his graduation from Union University and subsequently Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The former conferred upon him his honorary Doctor's degree in 1938.

Dr. Grey is immediate past president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention and immediate past vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention. He is chairman of the Committee on Order of Business for the Convention's next meeting in San Francisco in June and is listed in "Who's Who in America." He was the first speaker on five New Orleans stations each Sunday.

The First Baptist Church is the largest non-Catholic Church in New Orleans.

—Amelia Morton

—BR—

Morgan City Has Revival

Dr. Chester E. Swor did the preaching in a six day revival at Morgan City which closed on November 24. People attended from a radius of 90 miles.

The superintendent of the schools brought the junior and senior high schools to the morning services. Special music was furnished by the young people.

Rev. C. J. Olander is the Morgan City pastor.

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Investigate Social Security Benefits

We join Editor John Jeter Hurt, Jr., editor of the Georgia Christian Index, in recommending that the churches take advantage of the expanded Social Security Act coverage and place their staffs under the Federal Agency.

Mr. Hurt calls attention to the fact that the new Act makes Social Security benefits available to church employees, except the ordained ministers, provided the church votes approval. Then a percentage of the employee must also express their willingness.

As Mr. Hurt states, there is no violation of Church and State. In the first place, the Act is optional with the churches. In the second place, Social Security is not classified as a government grant to the churches or institutions. It is an insurance program for the individual, financed by him and his employer.

It should be noted that to make the benefits retroactive, employees must come under the Act by January 1. That means do it now.

As Mr. Hurt well says, "The Social Security coverage should not replace the Relief and Annuity Board program. It should supplement it, but employees are eligible for both."

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We suggest that nothing would be more suitable as a Christmas gift for that Baptist friend than a year's subscription to the BAPTIST RECORD.

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"Do Not Be Afraid Anymore!"

We give herewith an editorial written by Rev. Albert McClellan, Director of Promotion, Southern Baptist Convention. Many of us in the past few weeks have been thinking these same thoughts. But Mr. McClellan has expressed them in such an impressive way that we use his words instead of ours.

This crazy world of ours seems headed downward to its doom. The restless hordes of Asia, numbering 1,428 million, or nine times the population of the United States, threaten to wreck Western civilization. These hordes remind us of another hoard that did wreck the Hellenic or Greco-Roman civilization.

The knock-out blow came in the fifth century when the proud invincible Roman Empire was ground into dust. Hordes of Vandals from Northern Europe pushed into the Roman provinces to bring miserable and shameful death to the 800-year-old empire.

The vandals were an earthy nomadic people who carried their families with them to war. They were like great herds of human cattle driven by shepherd masters.

MYSTERIOUS AWE

When finally the Vandals swept into Rome two things happened: (1) They sacked the city and took its citizens into slavery. (2) They developed a mysterious awe for the churches.

As if by miracle, the churches were preserved from the torch. Moreover, as if by another miracle, the churches were set aside as islands of security. Any Roman seeking refuge in a church would not be killed or taken captive. It was not uncommon to see the rough Vandal soldiers leading Romans to the churches to keep from taking them into slavery.

Even so, Rome fell, the empire disintegrated, and the once supreme Hellenic civilization vanished. Doom had come. Art and culture lay in ruins. By the seventh century the ever proud Latin language was heard no more. A pall of gloom settled over the earth.

But through the gloom there shone many mountain peaks of

glory, two of them quite noteworthy.

TWO PEAKS OF GLORY

One of the peaks: Christianity did not fall with the Hellenic civilization. It emerged stronger than ever. The age that produced the Vandals also produced the greatest religious figure from Paul to John Calvin. He was Augustine Hippo, whose system of theology, much the same as that of Paul's, created the vocabulary that stands at the heart of the interpretation of Christianity today.

Augustine wrote a book called *The City of God* to show the Christians of his day that the kingdom of Christ is greater than any earthly kingdom. In a fiery sweep of God-inspired rhetoric he made Christians see that in losing their property and citizenship they had lost nothing. Keeping Christ they had kept all. He finished *The City of God* while the Vandals were storming the gates of Hippo. He met his own martyrdom with the same hilarious and extravagant faith he had written into his book.

Another mountain peak of glory that shone through the gloom was the astonishing preservation and subsequent use of the Bible. The uneducated Vandals destroyed the great libraries. Books were burned or thrown to the winds. The old classics vanished. Teachers were murdered or enslaved. Human knowledge sank to a new level.

The Vandals had done the most thorough job of wholesale destruction of culture in human history. They had destroyed everything except the one book more powerful than all the others combined. Tenney Frank says in his book, *History of Rome*, "The Bible alone remained to carry on the tremendous task of re-education." God's book became the primer of the Western civilization that still stands, the one today that is being threatened by the new Vandals.

INDESTRUCTIBLE CIVILIZATION

These two peaks of glory should assure our quaking hearts of one undying truth. This is it: God has a civilization of his own. It transcends earthly civilization. Its capital city is the New Jerusalem. Its ruler is the King of kings. God's civilization continues from generation to generation. It cuts across national lines. It strikes down the barriers of speech differences. God's civilization will rise above and capture whoever presumes to capture it. God's civilization can have no permanent enemies. God's civilization knows only one authority, the authority of love. It knows only one power, the power of the Gospel. Citizenship in God's kingdom is free to all who will accept. It is already paid for with

a price. And what a price!

John the Apostle faced doom in his day. His world was crumbling. He was banished to a rocky island to die. He was afraid. When terror and trembling seized him and horror folded him round, he caught a vision. What he wrote down about that vision comforted Augustine in his day and it can comfort us in ours.

John saw One like the Son of Man. . . long garment. . . golden girdle. . . hair white as snow. . . eyes as a flame of fire. . . feet like fine brass. . . countenance as the sun. . .

John was stunned. The glory was too much for him. He fainted. The Son of Man then laid his right hand on John and said to him, "Do not be afraid any more. I am the First and the Last; yea, the ever-living One. I once was dead, but now I live forever and ever. I carry the keys of death and the underworld."

(Rev. 1:18 CWB).

—BR—

Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

To Bribe Bootleggers To Obey Ga. Laws

An Associated Press writer in The Atlantic Journal reports that Georgia's Gov. Herman Talmadge and Revenue Commissioner Redwine are said by reliable sources to be planning to reduce Georgia's liquor taxes by as much as 50 per cent this winter as a move to "curtail the moonshine industry and a booming smuggling racket."

He quotes the Georgia Distilled Spirits Institute, an organization of licensed wholesalers, as estimating that more than half the liquor sold in Georgia is smuggled through non-tax-paying illegal channels and bootlegged.

He quotes Revenue Commissioner Redwine as revealing that "nation-wide crime syndicates are beginning to operate in Georgia," bootlegging millions of dollars worth of liquor.

And he reports that state liquor tax income has dropped despite an increase of \$1 per gallon voted last June, and that "a startling fact is that the amount of liquor moving through legal channels in Georgia has been cut by more than half within the past four years, and continues to fall rapidly now."

Contrast these Georgia reports with the florid and gaudy claims and promises to Mississippi legislators and citizens that if liquor were legalized in Mississippi the traffic would be placed in the hands of law-abiding citizens, bootlegging would be eradicated, and the revenue would enrich the state.

The latest Georgia revelations are reminders that the traffic is inherently lawless and liquor sellers obey the law voluntarily only when they think it more profitable to do so. So Georgia's Governor and Revenue Commissioner consider offering the liquor sellers a 50-percent cut in taxes in an effort to persuade them to quite bootlegging.—The Clarion-Ledger.

Our Readers Write

A TIMELY WARNING

Dr. A. L. Goodrich, Editor
THE BAPTIST RECORD
Baptist Building
Jackson 105, Miss.

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

A VERY SHREWD book salesman has been canvassing this section of our state selling "religious" books. He refuses to tell what church or denomination he represents. Upon examination of his "best seller", (a \$10.00 book, "The Desire of Ages"), we find that Ellen G. White is the author and the book is published by: Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tennessee. This salesman has implied that this is our Baptist Publishing House and many of our people have already been misled and taken advantage of.

PLEASE inform our people as soon as possible through the BAPTIST RECORD about this author and Publishing Association. We are trying to inform them from the pulpit too.

In His Service,
James P. Gilbert

COMMENT: Anyone who is ashamed to name his denomination has something up his sleeve.

The Southern Publishing Association of Nashville, Tenn., is a Seventh Day Adventist organization.

YES — WE ACTED WISELY

Truly, we can say that Mississippi Baptists acted wisely in their decision and vote to employ in the future only Baptist teachers to teach in our colleges. Why not?

The colleges are our colleges. Who can each Baptist student want better than Baptist teachers? Who has better scholarships than our Baptist leaders? And we likely can produce in the future better scholarship by having ONLY Baptist teachers in our Baptist colleges.

Baptists cannot have a union college any more than we can have a so-called union church! There is no such thing. Protestantism is a mixture between Baptist doctrines and the Catholic religion. We have not and do not agree in our doctrines and then how can we "walk together" in our colleges?

A teacher even in the class room naturally will weave some of his religion into his daily teaching. ALL BELIEVERS are saved with an everlasting salvation but many saved souls do not follow ALL the teachings in the Bible. I am sorry about it! I wish they would!

Other denominations have their colleges and can do as they please about employing their teachers. If they employ a Baptist to teach in their colleges, well and good. That is their business. A true Baptist in their college will help them. You see, Baptists are NOT Protestants, but we are NOT any better, for we all are sinners saved by the Grace of God. Yet, Baptists endeavor to follow the Bible fully, in all matters, including Baptism.

If any Baptist teacher loses his position from a Protestant College, he can find another position. There is no reason for embarrassment. Business is business and certainly the business of Baptists is LARGE business. Let every person and denomination have their own faith, but let Baptists also have their faith, churches and colleges as "pure and undefiled before God" as humanly possible.

Yes, Baptists have been called "Narrow," but that does not make it so. We MUST be good soldiers of Jesus and take it.

E.S. ESTES, Louisville.



Shown above are some of those who took part in the organization of the new Bethany Sunday School class of the Midway Church, Meridian. Left to right, they are: Mrs. Linnie Chatham, Mrs. Lillie Winstead, Mrs. Mary Ann Watson, Mrs. Arlene Rogers, Mrs. Peg Partridge, Mrs. Odessa Smith, Mrs. Jim Mowdy, Mrs. Adie Harbour. Those not shown include Mrs. Nina Calvert, Mrs. Evie Woods, Mrs. Vera Ray and Mrs. Rosa Smith. The teacher is Mrs. Arlene Rogers.

All December Southwide Funds Go To Foreign Missions

MRS. BOB ELLZEY

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has taken unto himself one of our most beloved and highly esteemed members, Mrs. Bob Ellzey, and


Whereas, her devotion to God and her love and loyalty to His church were so beautifully expressed in her daily living,

Be it resolved that we mourn her passing "not as those who have no hope," but rather let us try to emulate all that was lovely in her life, looking forward to meeting her in His presence.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. W. W. Price
Mrs. J. N. Barron
Mrs. W. H. Russum
—BR—

RONALD HILL DID THE PREACHING and Jim Travis led the singing in a five night Youth Revival at Friendship Church, Lincoln County, November 22-26. There were two additions to the church for baptism, and many rededicated their lives. Rev. E. A. Young is the pastor.

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Nashville, Tenn. —(BP)— All cooperative program gifts received in the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee office during December will go to Foreign Mission advance. According to Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary, executive committee.

Tennessee sent in \$30,000 November 30 to push Southern Baptist Convention gifts past the required \$6,672,500 mark.

The first cooperative program check for \$3,218 to Foreign Mission Advance is enroute from November gifts.

Dr. Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion, calls attention to the significance of this event. He says, "The knowledge that all Southern Baptist Convention gifts for cooperative program during December will go to Foreign Mission Advance should stimulate us to make the largest cooperative program offerings in our history during this month. Let us advance."

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North-East Pastors To Meet Dec. 11

The North-East Mississippi Pastors' Conference will have both a morning and afternoon session in its meeting at Satilo on December 11.

The meeting begins at 10 o'clock with Rev. E. E. Neil leading the devotional. The Board Members in the association will give a report of the December meeting of the Convention Board. Rev. George Gay will deliver the sermon.

Rev. Don Reed of Tupelo will deliver the evangelistic message in the afternoon.

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ILLINOIS BAPTISTS BUY HEADQUARTERS LOT

CARBONDALE, ILL. —(BP)— Illinois Southern Baptists moved a step forward toward permanent headquarters building when the board of directors voted to purchase for \$16,000 an 85 x 165 ft. property here on West Main Street. Funds available, after payment of lot, on new construction amount to \$40,000.

The property is across the street from the post office.

The board voted to make a survey of present and future anticipated needs before plans are drawn.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

December 3, 1950

Pascagoula, First	519	294
Main School	381	199
Eastlawn Mission	36	35
Unity Mission	54	60
McArthur Mission	9	
Jackson Ave. Mission	13	
Orange Grove Mission	26	
Jackson, Northside	501	150
Jackson, Calvary	1,287	393
Calvary Mission	13	22
Jackson, Van Winkle	476	306
Jackson, First	1,307	494
Broadmoor Chapel	115	48
Jackson, Parkway	849	298
Parkway Chapel	97	50
Jackson, Southside	306	153
East Side (Rankin County)	117	79
Byram (Hinds County)	135	106
Jackson, Alta Woods	162	113
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	440	220
Bruce	228	142
East Fork (Amite County)	105	53
Crystal Springs	635	152
Harmony (Jones County)	102	35
Laurel, Second Ave.	386	109
Laurel, First	504	155
Greenwood (Pike County)	65	55
Lucedale	199	136
Springfield (Scott County)	100	55
Hattiesburg, Main Street	814	258
West Laurel	399	128
Friendship (Pike County)	217	97
Calhoun City, First	243	114
Grenada, First	642	170
Kosciusko, First	564	200
New Salem (Lowndes County)	75	76
Houlka (Chickasaw County)	68	43
Tupelo, Harrisburg	474	167
Wallerville (Union County)	90	60
Ingomar (Union County)	131	51
Newton	449	158
Carson	102	85
Yazoo City, First	300	
Gulfport, First	578	222
Mt. Zion (Lincoln County)	138	69
Salem (Lauderdale County)	68	11
Friendship (Lincoln County)	78	60
Hebron (Jones County)	69	61
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	146	76
Brookhaven, First	943	497
Main School	729	355
Hamilton St. Chapel	98	55
Central Chapel	116	87
Fair River (Lincoln County)	104	81
South McComb	204	68
East Louisville	95	50
New Prospect (Lincoln County)	154	
Sand Hill (Jones County)	80	81
Columbus, First	879	268
Florence, Steen's Creek	162	72
Meridian, First	694	75
Meridian, 15th Ave.	491	127
Meridian, Highland	464	151
Meridian, Poplar Springs	328	96
Poplar Springs Mission	32	16
Meridian, South Side	328	138
Meridian, 8th Ave.	310	83
Meridian, 41st Ave.	248	60
Meridian, Oak Grove	130	75
Meridian, Key Field	95	42
November 26, 1950		
Ingomar	98	53
Crystal Springs	626	179
New Prospect (Lincoln County)	156	14
Lucedale	289	
Rocky Creek (George County)	156	
Bethlehem (Scott County)	133	104
Salem (Lauderdale County)	91	70
Cherry Creek (Pontotoc County)	77	49
Mantee	83	
Union (Alcorn County)	43	42
Locust St., McComb	45	

APPROXIMATELY 500 GIRLS MADE professions of faith during revival services conducted by Dr. Rankin and Dr. Cauthen at Seinan Jo Gakuin Southern Baptist girls' school in Kokura, Japan.

THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN Church estimates that 80 per cent of its 496,000 confirmed membership attended services of the church on Loyalty Sunday, Nov. 19.

MAGNOLIA CHURCH GETS NEW ED. DIRECTOR



MISS TOMMIE LOU SCOTT

Miss Tommie Lou Scott of Mantee has accepted the position of Educational Director of the First Church of Magnolia. Miss Scott graduated from Mississippi College in 1950. While in college she was active in all the B. S. U. work and served as program chairman for the services held at the Old Ladies' Home. During her senior year, she was one of the student counselors for the freshmen girls.

Miss Scott taught English in Centre High School, Ripley, from July till her acceptance of the position at Magnolia. She has already begun her work, Rev. W. T. Douglas is the pastor.

FIRST CHURCH, PICAYUNE HAS GRADED MUSIC PROGRAM

The First Church, Picayune now has a completely graded music program, according to Rev. Blaine H. Grose, Minister of Music and Education for the church.

The music program consists of the following choirs: (1) The Cherub Choir made up of boys and girls 4-8 years of age with Mrs. John Maddox as director and Mrs. Lloyd Cotten as accompanist, (2) The Junior Choir made up of boys and girls 9-12 years of age with Mrs. Blaine Grose as director and Misses Judy Mitchell and Maudine Thrash as accompanists, (3) The Youth Choir made up of Intermediates 13-16 years of age with Mr. Blaine Grose as director and Miss June Stockstill as accompanist, and (4) The Adult Choir made up of Young People and Adults with Mr. Blaine Grose as director and Mrs. John Maddox as organist and Miss Vonceil Stuart as pianist.

The Graded Music Program is creating a lot of interest among the membership at the First Church. As of this writing there are 170 members taking an active part in the four choirs. Other musical organizations of the church include the Men's Chorus and the Male Quartet.

Rev. John R. Maddox is the pastor.

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NEW WMU ORGANIZED AT UNION CHAPEL

HOULKA (Special)—Mrs. J. L. Taylor, WMU Superintendent of Chickasaw County, assisted in organizing a WMU at Union Chapel on November 29.

The pastor, Rev. Paul Harwood of Houlka had charge of the worship service. The following officers were elected with Mrs. J. L. Taylor presiding; Mrs. Douglas Inman, president; Mrs. Earl Dallas, vice-president; Mrs. Elton Dallas, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Andrew Johnson, mission study chairman; Mrs. B. J. VanDevander, community missions; Mrs. Crawford Inman, stewardship chairman; Mrs. Earl Dallas, organist.

Plans are being made for the organization of an R.A. Chapter, a G.A. and a Sunbeam group.

THURMAN BOOTH ACCEPTS IUKA PASTORATE

After a pastorate of six years, Rev. Thurman Booth resigned at Terry in order to accept the pastorate at Iuka. He succeeds Rev. B. L. Mohon, who recently went to the pastorate at Okolona.

During Mr. Booth's pastorate at Terry, the church built an educational building and equipped it, rebuilt and refinished the old auditorium and pastorium, bought a church bus and other much needed equipment.

During this time there have also been 330 people added to the membership, and 24 young people surrendered for special service. Four of them are active preachers in college and seminary. There was also organized a Training

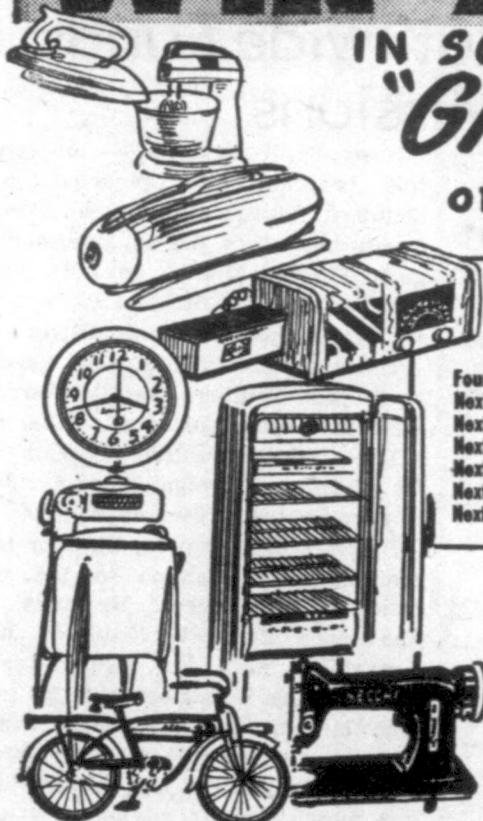
Union and a Brotherhood and growth seen in the other organizations. Mr. Booth speaks in highest terms of the church at Terry, saying "It is one of the best organized, working churches anywhere. They treat their pastor well and work."

The deacons of the church adopted resolutions concerning Mr. Booth. They expressed regret at his resignation and commended his fine work, his unusual ability as a leader, his fine work in the construction of an educational building and his zeal at preaching the Gospel. The resolutions were signed by Will D. Head, Jr., secretary of the deacons.

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Religion And A Day Of Rest

By DUKE K. McCALL
Executive Secretary
Southern Baptist Convention
Executive Committee

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Duke K. McCall (Nashville, Tenn.) and Dr. W. A. Criswell (Dallas, Texas) have just returned to the United States after a round-the-world tour of various existing and prospective Southern Baptist mission fields of the world. Following is one of Dr. McCall's reports written from Delhi, India:

There are no weeks here in India—just days following days. In some other lands we have joked about the banks and government offices which observe Friday holidays with the Moslems, Saturday with the Jews, and Sunday with the Christians. That does not leave much time for work.

There is no holy day in the week for a Hindu. That does not mean he works all the time. He just works a little each day unless he belongs to the lower classes. Then he works as much as undernourishment will permit every day.

Today is Sunday. At least I preached in a free church this morning; so I suppose it is. I stopped on the way from the hotel to watch some eight and ten-year-old boys working in a dark little room, a hinge factory. Nineteen boys are employed because the shop is subject to regulation if twenty children work in it.

Somehow human nature is cheapened by the prospect of a lifetime of drudgery without a single day set aside for rest. From age eight until death those boys will make hinges. Their religion does not demand for them even one day a week for worship.

The old Sunday blue laws are about gone in the U. S. A. You cannot make a man reverence a particular day by law.

I confess I have regretted the changing of Sunday from a holy day into a holiday. Now I find that even as a holiday still marks a conception of human value above that found in India, for example.

The Eternal God knew the nature of the man he made when he set aside one day in seven and released man from bondage to his task on that day.

A visit to the Taj Mahal in Agra, India, is quite an experience. The travel folders proclaim it as such, so I did not expect much. I have seen enough broken down palaces not to get excited about a tomb.

Shah Jahan built the Taj as a tomb for his favorite wife. His father is reported to have had three thousand wives. That makes the love of Shah Jahan for Mumtaz-i-Mahall all the more amazing. This is not a land where affection, much less fidelity, is expected between a husband and his wife. If a man killed one of the thousands of sacred cows which clutter the streets, he would cause a riot. If he killed his wife, that would be slightly unfortunate.

Shah Jahan used all the resources of wealthy India to build a tomb which would express his love for his wife. He died on his palace porch looking at the reflection of the Taj in a jewel imbedded in the wall.

By the side of the Taj flows the Jumna River. Other men show great consideration for their dead wife by placing the body on a raft and letting it float away. That, explained Haidar Ali, is why the big turtles took such interest in us when we walked down to the edge of the

water.

In the United States we take for granted the value and dignity of an individual.

Out here one instance of love between husband and wife, one gesture of great respect even for a dead person, is a matter of note. In that perspective our Christian American heritage becomes more precious.

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Rev. K. Z. Stevens, pastor, made an all-out record in their recent Training School. The average attendance was 111. Rev. Otis Seal, educational director, First Church, Columbus, taught the adult class. The other classes were taught by local teachers.

AMONG RECENT VISITORS IN THE
Baptist Building were: Rev. Thomas T. Holloway, Dallas, Texas; Rev. Marcus Alexander, Norfield; Rev. W. N. (Bill) Hegwood, Magee; Miss Alexine Gibson, McComb; Dr. Charles L. McKay, Pascagoula; Rev. E. M. Keebler, Rev. S. P. Powell, Carriere; B. W. Jones, Oxford; Rev. Owen Williams, Utica; Rev. J. F. Stanford, Artesia; Rev. C. S. Moulder, Hattiesburg; Rev. J. B. Smith, Magee; Rev. D. D. Satterwhite, Rolling Fork; Rev. J. B. Middleton, Bruce; Rev. E. Y. Gerard, Morton; Rev. H. T. McLaurin, Newton; Rev. H. A. Milner, Jackson; Rev. Carey E. Cox, West Point; Rev. W. J. Hughes, Clinton; W. N. Hegwood, Magee; Rev. J. W. Nolen, Stewart; Rev. Dan Morton, Gulfport; Rev. C. E. Snowden, Longview; Rev. Clarence Palmer, Chalhybeate; Rev. Clyde P. Jones, McComb.

MEMPHIS, TENN. —(BP)— Southern Baptist men now have 5,000 Brotherhood organizations enrolling nearly 200,000 men. Nine hundred new Brotherhoods have been organized in 1950. The announcement was made by Lawson H. Cooke, executive secretary for the Baptist Brotherhood of the South.

REV. PERCY HERRING, MISSISSIPPIAN and former pastor at Hernando, and now pastor of the First Church, Osceola, Arkansas, seems to be doing things, according to the following note from him: "We had Dr. William P. Phillips, of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, to lead us in an Inside Enlargement campaign, November 19 through 24. As a result, we graded our two adult departments, Young People, added six extra classes, and an extension department. Dr. Eugene Patterson led our Stewardship Revival, Nov. 2 through 5, in which 140 members pledged to tithe. We have had over 100 additions this year already. God is blessing us! Our Missions Program is \$8,100.00. I always enjoy getting the Baptist Record and lay everything else aside until we all read it."

REV. AND MRS. C. O. ESTES OF Center Terrace Church, Canton were invited to participate in the dedication of a new church house of the First Church of Cotulla, Texas on Nov. 26. Accompanied at the organ by their daughter, Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Estes sang at the dedication program, and Mr. Estes preached. He was pastor of the Cotulla Church in the Forties.

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THE BIBLE AND PRAYER

"The Bible and Prayer," is the title of the new book by Dr. Robert G. Lee, Pastor of the Bellevue Baptist church, Memphis, Tenn., and also President of the Southern Baptist Convention.

This is the book suggested for use during the "January Bible Study Week," January 1-5, and may be secured from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, for 60 cents each.

Brother Superintendent, start planning now, unless you have already started, and have things ready for a great week in this important study. It is a church course. Bring all the people together for those few nights for a study of this important matter.

Those wanting credit for the study may get it for either Sunday school or Training Union; that is, those 15 years of age and older, and where all the other requirements for such credit are met.

Let's start the new calendar year right with this study.

RIDGECREST DATES

Ridgecrest dates? So soon?

Yes, it had better be soon, if you expect to get a place to stay while there. Those who have been know how important it is to get reservations early. They cannot be made now, but it is well to begin planning which week you will go, so you can make requests for reservations when the time comes that such can be done, which will be early in 1951.

Here are the dates for the Sunday School Weeks:

May 31-June 6—Associational Leadership Conference.

June 14-20, June 21-27, and June 28-July 4—the regular Sunday School weeks, with June 28-July 4 designated as Leadership Week.

GOOD CAMPAIGNS THIS FALL

This fall has been a splendid one in many ways. In addition to reaching a good number of individual churches, we have had very fine simultaneous programs in Scott Association, October 2-6; in Simpson Association, October 23-27; in Winston Association October 30-November 3, with a total of 79 churches reached, and several of them for their very first time for any kind of study course.

Then, in Walthall Association, November 27-30, is another of the same kind.

KNOWLEDGE DOES HELP

While knowing is not everything, it certainly is a necessary part of any good program. This goes for Sunday school work also.

Any good officer desires a better school. This is as it should be. Any

good teacher desires a better class. This is right, too.

However, we will never have better units until we have better trained leaders of these units. And we will never have better trained leaders until we have a program of training for these leaders.

Again, when a school provides a program of training, some of the people will respond. That has been tried too many times to say otherwise. Some say that all will not attend training classes. No, neither do all attend Sunday school or Training Union or preaching services or prayer meetings. But some do. That is the way we operate any thing.

SOME GOOD LESSONS THAT HAVE BEEN LEARNED

Through many years of Sunday school work Southern Baptists have learned many valuable things about this important matter of building bigger and better schools. Here are some of them:

1. A Sunday school grows at the rate often to a worker. In 1920 we had an enrollment of 1,900,000, and had ten people for each worker, on the average. Now we have an enrollment of 4,650,000 and still have ten for every worker.

The lesson? If we want to grow, add more workers.

2. A Sunday school class reaches its maximum growth in numbers in 24 to 30 months. It may remain for many years, and should, but the average attendance will be about the same.

3. It is difficult to keep on starting new classes unless we keep the school well graded and also observe Annual Promotion Day.

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If the above items have been true in previous years, they will continue to be true in succeeding years. Also, if we were wise in following them in other years in building bigger and better schools, we shall be wise indeed if we continue to follow them in the years to come.

As we continue to learn the basic laws governing Sunday school work let us continue in their use. Not knowing only, but doing is also most important.

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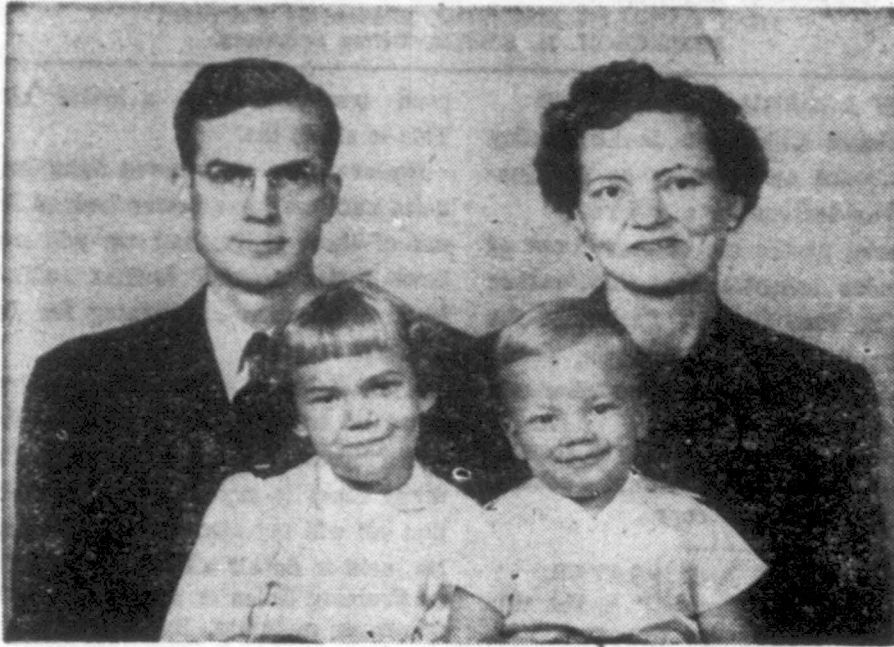
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Shown above are Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Youngblood and their two children, James Harbard and Ruth Carolyn. The Youngbloods were given special recognition by the First Church, Brookhaven, on their first anniversary with the church.

JONES JR. BSU TO GIVE STUDENT NIGHT PROGRAM

The Baptist Student Union of the Jones County Junior College in Ellisville, will present its annual "Student Night at Christmas" program, Sunday night, December 10, in the First Church Ellisville.

"Maximum Christianity Today and Tomorrow" is the theme of the Christmas student program.

There will be informative and inspirational talks given concerning the B. S. U. program and its influence.

Those who will participate in the service are as follows: Elsie Ivey, Quitman; Norma Ruth Smith, Laurel; Howard Lett, Verbena, Alabama; Paul Padgett, Laurel; Hollis Ishee, Stringer; Evelyn Bishop, Laurel; Hueston Adkins, Soso; Betty Mitchell, Ellisville; Harold Hilbun, Soso; Nellie Tew, Richton; Winnie Vaughn, Ellisville; Margie Nell Smith, Laurel; Virginia Grace Moore, Laurel; Ann Sims, Laurel; Dewitt Pickering, Summerland; Lawrence Clegg, Ellisville; Glaniece McCarty, Stringer; Ellen Ware, Mize; and three alumni of the Jones Jr. College B. S. U.

Miss Norma Jean John is the Baptist Student Secretary.

W. E. PALMER ACCEPTS CHAPEL HILL PASTORATE

Rev. W. E. Palmer of Ridgeland has accepted the pastorate of Chapel Hill Church in Hinds County, and has already assumed his work. He succeeds Rev. Gordon Sather, who resigned in order to attend the Southwestern Seminary.

The church promotes a half-time program. An expansion program has been planned for the Sunday School. A brotherhood will be organized next Sunday afternoon and the Training Union has just completed a study course.

Alf Rose, magician of Vicksburg, will be the visiting speaker on Sunday night, December 10.

A YEAR OF CHILDREN'S SERMONS (\$1.75) by Joseph A. Schofield, Jr. contains 53 distinctly Christian messages which will furnish lively talks for the open exercises for many superintendents. Each of the 53 chapters has some subject familiar to children which may be used in the illustration or which the lessons is built about. Published by the W. A. Wilde Company, Boston, Mass., the book may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store.

First Church, Brookhaven, recently celebrated the first anniversary of their educational director, Mr. H. B. Youngblood. Mr. Youngblood and his family were given special recognition in the morning service and presented a silver service from the Sunday School and Training Union.

Since their coming to the Brookhaven church, there has been a marked improvement in attendance as well as in the quality of work done. The Sunday School grew from an average attendance in October, 1949, of 735 to an average in October of this year of 842, and the Training Union grew from an average attendance in October, 1949, of 163 to an average in October, 1950, of 321.

Mrs. Youngblood works with Story Hour which has grown from six workers and 21 children to 22 workers and 68 children.

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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

December 11—Mrs. Grady Cox, Mississippi College faculty; Paul Townsend, Deer Creek Association Convention Board member.

December 12—Joan Stockstill, Mississippi College, Secretary of State BSU Council; A. E. Mason, Meridian, Clark College trustee.

December 13—E. C. Edwards, Mississippi College trustee; Dr. William A. Hoppe, Blue Mountain College faculty.

December 14—Rev. Clarence Palmer, Tip-pah Association Sunday School Superintendent; Albert G. Guyton, Blue Mountain College trustee.

December 15—Mrs. J. H. Williams, Carroll Association WMU Superintendent; Rev. M. S. Varnado, Jackson County Convention Board member.

December 16—Rev. C. E. James, Lebanon Association Training Union Director; Bartis Harper, Mississippi Southern, State BSU Ridgecrest Representative.

December 17—Student Night at Christmas programs.

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President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson Exec. Sec'y.—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Sec'y.—Miss Nell Taylor

(Excerpts from W. M. U. report made to State Convention)

ORGANIZATIONS:

Sunbeams	425	Young Woman's Auxiliary	230
Royal Ambassadors	395	Womans Missionary Societies	759
Girls' Auxiliary	597		

MEETINGS:

8 District meetings—attendance 2,916 with every association represented. 70 Annual Associational meetings, with visiting missionary speakers in 66 meetings. Officers Clinic, Camp Garaywa for State, District and Associational officers, with 320 officers from 61 associations present for 2 days. State W. M. U. Convention—1,954 present from 249 churches in 61 associations. Camps at Garaywa: 13 camping periods with 2,452 present from 260 different churches in 63 associations. There were 96 professions of faith. The Camp Mission Offering was \$1,063.63, this went to various phases of State, Home and Foreign Missions. Several of our Indian boys and girls attended camp at the expense of the W. M. U.

NEGRO WORK:

Mississippi W. M. U. employs a full time field worker who works among her own people. The state W.M.U. office makes her engagements and plans her itinerary. Group meetings fostered by the W.M.U.:

Institute for Negro women—held at Jackson College for 4 days with 157 Negro women present from 119 different churches.

Negro girls camps—two camps were held with 53 present. These camps were held at Camp Lubaloo and were directed by Lillian Rose, Negro field worker.

Negro boys camp—there were 23 Negro boys, besides helpers, teachers, etc. The camp was directed by Walter Bisbee, R. A. Secretary.

FINANCIAL:

Cooperative Program—This is our first emphasis. Reports reveal that more than 90% of W. M. S. members contribute through the Cooperative Program. Emphasis is placed on tithing through the "storehouse".

Weeks of Prayer	W.M.S. Observing	Gain over last year	Total Gifts
State Mission	655	36	36,211.03
Home Mission	706	36	46,012.84
Foreign Mission	720	48	76,196.00

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There is much to be done—many unenlisted women and young people—many failing to recognize their stewardship—many willing to let others have the joy of personal soul-winning. It is our high responsibility to enlist the unenlisted in interest and effort. As we face a new year we challenge our hearts and lives to renewed dedication to the King's business.

BLUE MOUNTAIN, NOV. 27—DR. G.

D. Humphrey, former president of Mississippi State College, now president of the University of Wyoming, and one of the seven men to graduate from Blue Mountain College since its founding, has just been appointed a member of the newly established National Science Foundation by President Truman. Dr. Humphrey's appointment follows several other honors he has received this year. Recent appointments he has received include chairmanship of the State Crusade for Freedom, chairmanship of the enlarged committee on irrigation, agricul-

REV. ELWIN R. ANDERSON, FOR-

merly pastor at Long Beach, has just closed a meeting at Jacksonville, Florida. There were fourteen additions, ten on profession of faith.

ture, and water resources of the association of Land Grant colleges, membership of the technical advisor committee on regional education for the west, and membership on an 11-man committee appointed by the American Council on Education to consider "National Implications of Regional Planning in Higher Education."

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BTU OBSERVES M-NIGHT

Houlka Church was host to the Association Training Union M-Night program on November 27, with 194 attending and seven churches represented.

Executive Secretary Chester Quarles was the guest speaker. Mrs. H. L. Andrews, director, presided.

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HEIDELBERG CHURCH PLANS SPECIAL SERVICE

Hugh M. Satcher Day will be observed in the Heidelberg Church Sunday, December 10.

Mr. Satcher was for many years a deacon and an influential leader in the church, striving for the advancement of the church. His widow, Mrs. Dollie Satcher, has paid the construction cost of the Men's Bible Class room, and it is only fitting that the church name the room in honor and memory of a faithful worker.

A nephew of Mr. Satcher, Rev. Carl Travis, will bring the sermon. The bronze plate will be unveiled by a niece and presented to the church and Men's Bible Class. This bronze plate will be attached to the door of the room and will stand as a reminder to all who shall pass through. A former pastor, Dr. W. E. Green, will offer the dedicatory prayer.

The church has made rapid progress in the past few years. A new and modern brick auditorium and educational building has been constructed. The attendance has had remarkable growth as well as the financial gifts and offerings. The present pastor, Rev. Wyatt M. Gilbert, is now in his fourth year as pastor.



Shown above is a group of Intermediate workers from Salem Church in Convington County who recently visited the Baptist Building. Mrs. C. C. Rogers and Mrs. Howard Jordan, Intermediate workers were in charge of the group. Rev. H. D. Jordan is the pastor of this outstanding rural church.

Central Pastors To Meet December 11

The Central Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference will meet at the Baptist Building, Jackson, on Monday morning, December 11. A good program has been planned, featuring a book review by Dr. Clyde C. Bryan, pastor of the First Church, Hattiesburg. All pastors in the central area are urged to come and participate in this period of fellowship and study.

The meeting will adjourn at 11:45.

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A RECORD ATTENDANCE WAS made in Sunday School at the First Church, Picayune, for the month of October. An average of 525 attended. The Training Union reached an all-time high on November 26 with 214 present. Rev. John R. Maddox is the pastor and Blaine H. Grose is the Minister of Music and Education.

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QUICK QUOTES

Men do not polish brass rails when the ship is going down.—Marshall Craig.

Vast sums of money have been expended locally while the nations of the earth begged for the crumbs that fall from the table of the American Churches.—R. T. Skinner.

It is amazing how much good people can do, provided they are not concerned about who gets the credit.—Author unknown.

If a church does not have more in regular attendance in its Sunday School than there are resident church members, it is evident that the Sunday School is not as large as it should be.—J. N. Barnett.

We see things not as they are, but as we are.—H. M. Tomlinson.

He that plants trees loves others besides himself.—Scotch proverb.

POTPOURRI

Student Night at Christmas will be held in many Miss. Baptist churches Sunday night, Dec. 31. Have you received the materials? Will your church have this program? We hope every Miss. Baptist Church will have Student Night at Christmas. Magnolia, Hazlehurst and Calvary, Jackson, churches have asked for and been given extra materials. Write us immediately if we can help you. We wonder if Miss. Baptists, generally, realize the significance of the 50-50 division of Cooperative Program receipts. It means that we, as Miss. Baptists, spend as much on others as we do ourselves. Now, shouldn't that same unselfish spirit be applied to our local churches? In other words, isn't about time we started practicing the unselfish spirit of Christ by giving half or more of our church budgets to causes outside our own community?

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By REV. LEON V. YOUNG, Clinton
Called and accepted:

W. W. Brown, Calvary, Clovis, California.

John Wilson, Guadalupe, California.

D. C. Martin, Prescott, Arizona, from associate pastor, Ruston, La.

Muri Platt, Kinder, La., from Mt. Olive, Liberty Association, La.

George J. Apel, Jr., First, Perrine, Fla., from McDowell Ch., St. Augustine.

Charles E. Hunt, First, Werdell, Missouri, from 2nd, Clarksburg, Tenn.

L. M. White, 2nd, Poplar Bluff, Mo., from First, Salem, Mo.

Edwin T. Dahlberg, Delmar, Ch., St. Louis, Mo., from 1st, Syracuse, N. Y.

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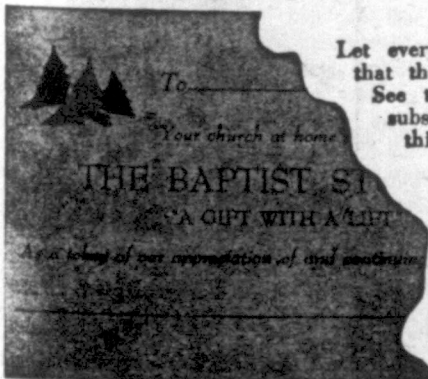
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By REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.

50 Years Ago

It is reported that on a recent Sunday the Water Valley Church took a Thanksgiving collection for the Baptist Orphanage in the amount of \$1700. And Brother A. E. Jennings sent \$1500 for the new Orphanage building.

President W. T. Lowrey of Mississippi College is gathering funds to purchase a president's home. "The University, A&M College and Millsaps College, each has a president's home, and Mississippi College must have one!"

40 Years Ago

Rev. H. H. Webb leaves the pastorate of the Charleston Baptist Church for that of the Belzoni church, beginning December 1.

Miss Pearl Caldwell from Mississippi just arrived in her mission field in China writes a very interesting letter to the Y.W.A.'s of the state of her trip which "was filled with wonders," concluding with "Our hearts ache as we see the great need, and our tongues tied."

25 Years Ago

"Every married ministerial student in Mississippi College was remembered on Thanksgiving day with helpful contributions to their dining tables and pantry."

The Flora Church closes a revival of far-reaching results during which Pastor E. V. May was assisted by Rev. Harry Leland Martin of Indianola. Twenty-five were added by profession of faith.

Rev. A. A. Kitchings gives up his pastorate of the Eminence Church, Ky., and leaves the Southern Baptist Seminary in the midst of his studies for the doctor's degree on account of a "temporary failure of health." He goes to Ludlow, Scott County, to recuperate.

Pastor N. A. Edmonds of Lexington answers to the call to the pastorate of the Chalybeate Church in Tiptah County.

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GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

CLARKSDALE

While the pastor, Dr. F. D. Horton was in a meeting at Magnolia, we had the privilege of supplying at Clarksdale.

Marvelous improvements have been made within the last few years. The new educational building is simply out of this world. The Sunday School has increased as well as the other organizations. The people at the preaching services fill both the auditorium and the auxiliary auditorium.

While there we heard many compliments about the work of Pastor Horton as well as the work of the Minister of Music, Mr. L. V. Martin and also the Educational Director, Miss Eunice Sandlin who was formerly employed at the Baptist Building.

Riverside Record readers are now listed as follows: BELEN, 16; CROWDER, 101; DARLING, 49; HOLLYWOOD, 35; LAMBERT, 66; MARKS, 118; SLEDGE, 26; Adams Memorial, Fairview, 2; CLARKSDALE, 238; Dublin, 2; JONESTOWN, 19; LULA, 62; LYON, 67; Reynolds Memorial, 2; Union Chapel, 1; Berea, 10; DUNDEE, 26; and TUNICA, 91.

ALTA WOODS, JACKSON

While awaiting the coming of the newly called pastor, Rev. Percy Cooper, Alta Woods Church invited us to supply for them and we accepted with eagerness.

This is our first visit to this new church in suburban Jackson and half has never yet been told.

Remarkable progress has been made by this young church.

From the bulletin of the church we give the following figures: Sunday School attendance 180, one year ago 85; Training Union Attendance 100, one year ago 63; offering \$302, one year ago \$140.

Hinds County Record readers are now listed as follows: ALTA WOODS, 89; BETHESDA, 60; BEULAH, 50; BOLTON, 31; BYRAM, 42; CHAPEL HILL, 44; CLINTON, 231; EDWARDS, 48; ELRAINE, 57; JACKSON, CALVARY, 248; JACKSON, DANIEL, 222; JACKSON, EMMANUEL, 40; JACKSON, DAVIS MEMORIAL, 264; JACKSON, FIRST, 202; JACKSON, GRIFFITH MEMORIAL, 215; JACKSON, NORTHSIDE, 380; JACKSON, PARKWAY, 627; JACKSON, VAN WINKLE, 282; JACKSON, WEST, 31; JACKSON, SOUTHSIDE, 206; LEARNED, 12; LEAVELL WOODS, 19; MIDWAY, 49; MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE BSU, 152; MT. MORGAN, 14. NEW HAVEN, 28; OLD BYRAM, 12; PALESTINE, 20; POCAHONTAS, 25; RAYMOND, 79; SALEM, 30; FOREST HILL, 65; TERRY, 129; UTICA, 74.

SAND HILL IS NUMBER 985

Sand Hill Church in Greene County has joined the growing list of churches that have made the Baptist Record a part of their program.

Recently the church treasurer, R. H. Walley, sent a list of 23 names with instructions that the Baptist Record be sent to them.

Record readers in Green County are now listed as follows: AVERA, 23; CEDAR GROVE, 28; COUNTY LINE, 31; FELLOWSHIP, 15; JOHNSON CREEK, 22; Indian Hill, 1; Leaf Church, 3; LEAKESVILLE, 80; McLAIN, 59; PINE LEVEL, 18; PLEASANT HILL, 14; SAND HILL, 23; UNITY, 12; Washington (Neely) 2; WEST SALEM, 20.

80 Make Honor Roll At Clarke College

Dean Eugene I. Farr has released the honor roll for the first term at Clarke College. Those making first honors are: Mrs. Doris Ball, Mrs. Monroe Dorris, Moore Holder, Alvin E. Tucker, Eloise Walley and Leonard Wilkerson.

THOSE MAKING SECOND HONOR ROLL ARE:

Robert Baker, Charles Banes, Ann Barrantime, Tommie Faye Boggan, Kenneth Boszor, Wayne Bullard, Nancy Jo Bunch, Sammie Campbell, Marie Clarke, Charles Clinton, Mrs. N. F. Cook, Dorothy Courtney, Tommy Copeland, Wilburn Daves, George Dukes, Ruby Joyce Dukes, Elaine Dunn, Don Easley, Bobbie Jean Eaton, James Ellison, Annie Clara Embry, Nell Everett, Edward Gandy, Nolen Carroll Griffin, Irvin Harrington, Mrs. Odis Henderson, Kenneth L. Henson, Maurice Hodges, Donnis Holden, Jesse Holloway, Bobbie Holladay, George Horn, Mrs. George Horn, Mrs. Ethel Howard, Harold Ishee, Duane Ivey, Fabia Rue Jones, Mary Jane Kelly, Margaret Ann Kern, George Lassett, W. Rudolph Lawrence, Amy Lou Leggett, Raymond Lewis, Laverne Litchfield, Audrey Faye Lee, Herman May, Frank Morgan, Jr., LeVada Newman, James K. Orso, Allen Regillio, Kelon Randle, Clark Reding, Annie Sue Reis, Byron Scruggs, Tom Simms, Beatrice Smith, Louise Ann Smith, Naomi Ruth Stewart, L. E. Stringer, Edna Sullivan, Beatrice Thomas, Charlie Thompson, Polly Thompson, Mildred Tolar, Ruby Triplett, Alvin Tucker (Mrs.), Sue Watson, James Watts, Dorothy Weaver, Verna Wilborn, Mrs. Harold Wilder, A. Wilson Winstead, Billy Yates, and Willie Howell Yates.

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Central Miss. Pastors To Meet At Jackson

The Central Mississippi Baptist Pastors Conference will meet in the Baptist Building Dec. 11 at 10 A. M. according to an announcement by the secretary, Dr. W. P. Davis.

The morning program includes a business session, testimonies and a book review of "The Bible and Prayer" by R. G. Lee led by Clyde C. Bryan.

The meeting will adjourn after the morning session.

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Temperance League Head Assails Liquor Trade

Dr. R. G. Lee, upon being elected president of the National Temperance League, formed by uniting the National Temperance Movement and the Temperance League of America, the two largest and most aggressive temperance organizations, issued the following statement:

"Everything liquor touches it hurts. Liquor never touched a home that it did not plant seeds of dissolution and misery. Beverage alcohol is a national burden. It is a hindrance to all that is good; and enemy of the individual; the home; the church; the nation.

The taxes received from the sale of legal liquor, beer and wine can never pay for the misery caused by the use of beverage alcohol. Solely as a dollars and cents proposition, the cost of law enforcement, jails, insane hospitals, and alcohol-bred crime far exceeds the money received in taxes from the sale of alcoholic beverages. Furthermore, no nation needs, nor can any nation profit by using blood money. Alcohol tax money is blood money."

Robinson St. Church Is Constituted

HOLLOWAY CALLED AS PASTOR; OFFICERS ELECTED

The organization of a new Baptist Church in Jackson was constituted at a special service at the Van Winkle Church on Sunday afternoon, December 3. Fifty-two people have already added their names as charter members, and others coming into the group until January 1 will also be charter members.

Robinson Street Baptist Church was chosen as the name for the church, and it was voted to call Rev. Leonard Holloway as pastor. Mr. Holloway has led in Vesper Services at the church for several months and has done extensive promotion work in the area. The location of the church will be on Robinson Street at the corner of Ellis Avenue.

A nine-room house which has been bought will be renovated, providing an auditorium with seating capacity for 200 and six classrooms. E. L. Melvany, architect, has donated his professional services on these plans. Frank Thompson, contractor, plans also to donate his work. Cecil and J. A. Travis, Jackson

attorneys, have donated their services in closing out the property.

Officers elected by the church were: Mrs. Ben Sellers, Jr., church secretary; F. W. Gullette, clerk; J. A. Young, treasurer; and the following deacons, J. F. Smith, M. R. Godwin, L. B. Townsend, F. W. Gullette, J. A. Young and Lex Dunlap. Three were appointed on the Board of Trustees: L. C. Barfield, J. A. Young and Lex Dunlap.

The council was composed of the following: Roy Lunquist, Griffith Memorial, Jackson; Dr. W. E. Greene, Clarke College; Rev. Chester Quarles, State Executive Secretary; Rev. Nolan Kennedy, Clinton; O. J. Rushing, Jackson; Jip Kenny, Leavell Woods; and the following Jackson pastors, S. W. Valentine, Southside; Jimmie Yarbrough, Westview; W. Lowrey Compere, Northside, secretary; H. A. Milner, Van Winkle, moderator; Joe Royalty, Emmanuel, and I. F. Metts, Midway.

New California Secretary Takes Office Jan. First

FRESNO, Calif. —(BP)— Dr. S. G. Posey, professor in Golden Gate Seminary and pastor, Calvary Church, Berkeley, Calif., has accepted the position of state secretary for California Baptists. He succeeds Dr. A. F. Crittendon, and will take office January 1.

Posey was born near Brookhaven, Miss. After graduation from Southwestern Seminary in 1918 he returned to Mississippi where he remained in various pastorates until 1926. From 1926-1935 he served the Coliseum Place Baptist Church in New Orleans. From 1935-1944 he served First Baptist Church, Austin, Tex., and from 1944-1947, Temple Church, San Antonio. He has been Director of the Department of Religious Education in Golden Gate Seminary since 1947.

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Oregon-Washington Baptists

SPRINGFIELD, Ore. —(BP)— The Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington voted to divide Cooperative Program funds 75 per cent to state work and 25 per cent to Southern Baptist Convention work. A budget of \$55,270 was adopted for 1951. Messengers also voted to adopt the Relief and Annuity Board's Widow Supplementary Annuity Plan and to add two new field workers to their state staff.

Primary emphasis in 1951 will include simultaneous revivals scheduled for September. Bob Hite was elected superintendent of evangelism and an evangelistic conference was planned for Portland, Ore., January 11-12. Missionary C. E. Boyle was elected assistant executive-secretary and editor of the Pacific Coast Baptist. Mr. Hite has been editor.

Nine new churches were organized during the past year, bringing the total to 30. With a total membership of 4,141, the churches baptized 489.

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T. E. V. IN TEXAS:—AS A RESULT of the use of T. E. V. First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas, James H. Landes, pastor, had an increase of 250 tithers to bring the total to 1,000. When their budget subscriptions were made on Loyalty Day they had an increase of 246 contributors and \$13,825 in pledges. As of today they have over subscribed their \$209,000 budget by \$19,000.

A Correction And Thanks

We want to apologize for an error which appeared in last week's Record with reference to Mr. G. H. Alford of Progress, Mississippi. The erroneous statement was that a gift of \$1,326.25 received by the Mississippi Baptist Foundation came from the will of the late G. H. Alford. Mr. Alford is very much alive and the gift came from the sale of land which he had given to the Progress Baptist Church and not from his will at all. We hope very much that Mr. Alford and his family and friends will accept this apology.

We want to express the full appreciation of the Mississippi Baptist Convention for this gift which becomes permanent endowment administered by the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, the income to go to State Missions.—Harry L. Spencer, Executive Secretary, The Mississippi Baptist Foundation.

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Prepared by Dr. Bracey Campbell.
December 10.

THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE GOSPEL Acts 8:1-13; 18:1-7; I Cor. 9:16,17; II Cor. 5:17-20; Phil. 1:12-18; 2:12-18. I. FAITHFULNESS IN STEWARDSHIP OF THE GOSPEL BECAUSE OF PERSECUTION

Acts 8:1-13.
Here we have the record of the first great persecution directed against Christians. The persecution was led by a brilliant young man named Saul, and began on the day that Stephen was stoned. The enemies of Christ murdered Stephen and the taste of blood infuriated them. At once they went about what they thought would be an extirpation of the teaching of the followers of the hated Nazarine. So young Saul with his helpers laid waste the church, going from house to house of the members of the hated sect, and dragging away both men and women, flung them into prison.

The holders of the new faith were harried out of the city and went off in every direction. But they did not go in silence: they went as flaming evangelists of the gospel of the grace of God in Christ Jesus. They took small account of the cost to them of their loyalty to their Lord. It was enough for them that they were telling His story and were seeing results of their testimony of the growth of the number of the disciples.

Was this persecution God's way of getting the gospel out of Jerusalem? Indubitably! Had the Lord allowed those good people to remain unmolested in Jerusalem, no doubt they would have become good hardshell Baptists. But God by the agency of wicked men drove them out to work for Him, and they gave proof of their worth in labors abundant and productive.

Often I have wondered what the apostles did during this period. They were not forced to leave the city, nor can we say what they did. Maybe the Lord was showing the most effective way of winning the lost to Him. It is not to be by mass evangelism, but by the personal touch. I do not desire to have you think I am opposed to mass evangelism, but I have observed that the most effective mass evangelism is that in which the few nominal leaders enlist in the work a large number of people who go about and deal with men and women one by one. In this movement the men accounted as pillars were standing about as still as pillars stand while the private members effectively led by the Holy Spirit engaged in fruitful labors for the Master.

Philip went down to the city of Samaria to preach to the despised Samaritans. Now that was a thing that, in all probability the apostles had never thought of. "Name o' sense! What does he mean, going down to that hole in the ground and telling the story of Jesus to the riff-raff of that God-forsaken place? Let's send somebody down there to see about that or, first thing you know, some of those common mixed-breeds will be coming up here and wanting to associate with us". The result? A wider fellowship, and all because the Lord permitted a persecution.

II. WHAT THE GOSPEL MAKES OF THE WHOLE CREATION

I Cor. 5:17-20.
"If any man is in Christ... a new creation". Oh, yes! He is a new creature! But he is not all that is new. Everything is new. The man who is in Christ is new, yes. His old life is passed away with its old aims and ideals, attitudes and he is now a new man with a new love, a new longing, a new pur-

First, Union, Plans Budget For Missions

By JOHN IRA HILL, Pastor

We have in our budget \$1,800 for Co-operative program, \$900 for Clarke College, \$300 Associational missions, \$300 Town Missionary, \$200 B. S. U. Decatur Junior College, \$650 Local missions.

In the past six years we have never given less than \$1,000 to local missions. In addition to our budget we have already given this Associational year \$385.15 to Veteran's Hospitals for Christian entertainment. Plans are to give \$600 to Woman's College and \$50 to the Baptist Hour.

Our goal for four special mission offerings through the Sunday School is \$100 each, and the three mission offerings per year through the W. M. U. will average \$100 each. Our church led the association in baptisms this past year.

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NEW PROSPECT COMPLETES S.S. STUDY COURSE

The Sunday School officers and teachers of New Prospect Church, Lincoln county Association, met Friday, November 24, for a fellowship period which included the completion of a study course and the regular monthly officer and teachers' meeting.

A very inspirational devotional was given by Miss Iris Dean Starkey of Roanoke, Virginia. Rev. F. L. Cocker, pastor, taught the last chapter of the book, "How To Win To Christ." Miss Aronelle Lofton was in charge of the officers and teachers meeting.

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And all that not only, but he finds himself in a new world. His estimate of men is so different that they are new men to him. The uses of the world are different in his conception. He sees the world that he before thought of as stale, flat, and unprofitable, as a new world entirely. To him it has become the footstool of the Almighty, in its decorations giving proof of the glorious use to which the great God puts it.

Now all men are God's potential-servants to be treated as the creatures of God's hand, the sheep of His pasture, the possible partakers of His nature, the creatures of whom He is making His household of the redeemed. The world is to the man in Christ the training ground for the citizens of heaven and saved men and women are those future citizens.

His relation to God is new. He is now one of God's redeemed, and as such, he shares in the privileges of the partakers of the wondrous grace of God. God has become to him a father, and he has become to God a child. In this intimate relation he finds in the act of obedience to God a joy he has not known before. Work which he would have accounted insufferable drudgery before has now become a labor of love and delightful endeavor.

He has a new mission, this man in Christ. He holds the post of ambassador on behalf of Christ. Commissioned by the court of heaven, he is now in this new world on business for his Lord. In the discharge of his mission he has one message, the greatest and most important with which man was ever entrusted in this world. "Be ye reconciled to God". The God of the Loving heart is offering peace to a world of men estranged from Him, and the conditions upon which He is offering it are simple and, for the sincere heart, easy to meet. They are these: Renounce your stubborn will and take the Lord of the world as Lord of your life.

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Jesus, Center Of All

(A sermon preached by Dr. W. E. Prout, pastor, First Church, Shelby, before the Bolivar Association.)

Peter wrote his epistle to stir up the minds of the people, Christian people, if you please—Why? In order that they might not forget where their first allegiance was.

Jesus had asked his disciples, "Who do men say that I am," and He received various answers. But to His inquiry, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter responded, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Where upon Jesus lauded Peter and said, "Flesh and blood hath revealed this unto you; but my Father which is in heaven." The confession of Jesus as the Son of God was established by Jesus, himself, as the very foundation, the bedrock of the church. (Matthew 16: 13-17) Paul says, "I endeavored not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." (1 Cor. 2: 1 of John in Revelation reminds us constantly that Jesus is the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega of life. (Rev. 1: 8, 17; 22: 13) Jesus said to his disciples as he sent them forth with the great Commission, "All power is given me in heaven and on earth. Lo, I am with you always even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28 18-20)

I. The need for the centrality of Jesus in our churches has, perhaps, never been greater.

1. This is a time when we are seeing many movements toward the unification of the Evangelical churches. This tendency is attested to the Federal Council of Churches, the uniting of minor groups into one group, the desire for the uniting of the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions; these efforts in themselves evidence the reliance of religious groups on the strength of numbers and not on the strength of Christ. God forbid that Jesus and his Divine power be relegated to a position of secondary importance.

2. This is a time of organizational advances and denominationalism that might well result in the untimely and unwise step of investing powers which might lead off on a tangent from the central Jesus. That is the genius of the Baptist Organization. Jesus is the one central figure that is the ruling guide of our life; if that should be lost then we would emerge with a very highly perfected hierarchy.

In a review of the early steps leading Romanism, we see that Jesus was gradually removed from the center and supplanted by the Papal throne. These steps were easy and to the mind of that time seemed expedient.

- a. First, Salvation by Belief in Jesus had attached to it salvation by baptism and the Lord's supper. This very early, issuing in the statement by c. 100 A. D.
- b. Second, a man, a priest by name, who might administer baptism and the Lord's Supper became a necessity.
- c. Third, a man a bishop by name, who might render the proper forms to the priests.
- d. Fourth, a Church, orthodox, to set the proper standards.
- e. Fifth, a Creed, and an episcopacy to administer the creed.
- f. Sixth, as the church spread, a central figure of administration became an expediency.
- g. Seventh, as powers of leadership became necessary they were delegated to the figure of administration until he emerged the ruler and policy maker of the church.
- h. Eighth, to obtain subservience the ruler took the place of Christ here on earth and Christ's powers were to pass through him. It is well to see Christ as Lord again and again and keep our eyes, our minds, our hearts, our lives, and our souls fixed on Him or else we may wander away.

In hanging a picture the other day, my finger was substituting for the nail. When all the proper placing had been completed it was necessary for me to reach for the hammer and the nail at the same time. Lacking more than two hands, I had to move my finger from the spot without marking it. I had done it before by watching that exact spot. This time I looked down to get the nail and when I looked back I didn't see the right spot; I was close, but not close enough and the picture was off. We should be extremely careful about taking our eyes off of Jesus in our church life. Let us foster every agency of our church, our denomination, but let us continue constantly and vigilantly to use them to uplift Christ.

II. The great need for the centrality of Christ in national life.

1. A nation is not conquered until the minds swear allegiance and the hearts respond with allegiance. That does not mean that we as a nation should not be prepared to defend our nation and its precious heritage. I am not an idle dream-

Texas Baptists Pledge Themselves To Win 250,000 Converts in 1951

Fort Worth, Texas—(BP)—Texas Baptists have pledged themselves to win 250,000 to Christ in 1951. This action was taken at the 65th annual session of the Baptist General Convention of Texas meeting here November 7-9. Messengers had just heard a report that more than 57,000 were baptized by the Baptist churches of the state during the past year.

Plans to achieve this goal include special organization for evangelism, continuation of simultaneous revivals in associations, revival aid to needy

churches, establishments of new missions and churches, and encouragement to non-resident members to transfer membership.

Treasurer R. A. Springer reported total gifts of \$11,977,000. A goal of \$10,000,000 was adopted for next year. Half of this is expected in gifts for enlargement and endowment of institutions. The remaining \$5,000,000 is to be divided 50-50 with Southwide causes. A five-year goal of \$50,000,000 adopted in 1948 was reported to be 40 per cent complete.

SAND HILL PROGRESSES

Sand Hill Church in Jones County has gone full-time. Sunday School rooms which have been under construction for some time are now near completion.

Gas heat and pews for the Sunday School rooms have been installed from proceeds from the four and one-half bales of cotton which was cultivated by the members of the church for this purpose.

Rev. J. D. Lundy has just completed his first year as pastor.

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EVANGELIST JOHN L. BRAY, WHOSE address is 1044 La Rue Street, South Jacksonville, Florida, has published in pamphlet form one of his sermons entitled "Why Hell Is Like Heaven." It is quite interesting, informing and should be helpful. The price of the booklet is 20 cents.

er who envisions a pacifistic way of life. These things of preparedness and even a battle are often necessary to defend ourselves.

2. However, they serve to show us the real and definite need for the figure of Jesus to be raised to a certain position in the national life of our time.

But men are defying the state, demoralizing man; defiling and defying the name of God. For promises to fill the belly, clothe the body, remove restraints, men are enslaving their lives and selling their souls as a godless communism continues to move along. We are failing somewhere, brethren. The banner of Christ has not been unfurled, and the tithes to God have gone more into men's bank accounts more than they have into God's treasury.

How did I know we have failed: Because God has not, of that I'm positive. He promises victories as men expend and expand themselves in His name. It is not because God is not big enough or strong enough because His omnipotence, His power is not questionable even by Satan, himself.

Jesus has not been made the central figure in national life. It is a strange tragedy the way Jesus Christ is being ignored in the Political life of our times. Far too often the Christian statesman is the victim of political intrigue and a place that might have been successfully filled is made a mockery by some cheap politician. Something is wrong somewhere when our boys in the battle lines have to throw beer cans for hand grenades.

We have the sword of the Lord to conquer the heart and soul of the world. I beg you to use them.

III. The need for the centrality of Jesus in the individual.

1. The church will not have Jesus central in it until the individual elevates Jesus to the central place in his life. In the same sense the nation will not become a great Christian nation until the citizens of that nation hold Jesus as central.

2 The individual is the only unit of salvation—not a nation, not a household, not two, but the individual. The great challenge to Christian people is to win the individual to the Kingdom of God. The great commission was to Judea first and Bolivar County is Judea. We can win Bolivar County for Christ if we will go back and win them one by one.

Home Congregations Described In Spain

GENEVA—(EPS)—Details of the repression of Protestants in Spain have been described in an article by Mme. Jaques Delpech, wife of a Swiss mission official, following a tour of Upper Aragon (Northeastern Spain). Excerpts from the article as published in L'ETOILE (Paris No. 101, 1950) follow:

"Except in the city of Saragossa, there are no mission-stations any more in Upper Aragon. No more pastors, no more teachers, no more evangelists. No more chapels — those which were rented in Saragossa and Barbastro have been pillaged; the furniture burnt and the premises reoccupied. The one in Jaca, so charmingly decorated, is still there, but authorization to worship there, which was requested on July 27, 1948, has not yet been given, in spite of many approaches to the authorities. . . . The schools too are closed, without any chance of their being reopened while the law concerning education remains unmodified.

"Does this mean that the work is dead, and that nothing is left of it, because the premises and the workers have pretty well disappeared? Quite the reverse, for the Church is alive, with a deep and radiant life.

"First of all, we have the parish of Saragossa, which meets, by authorization, in a private house. . . . There are not enough seats. Several members of the community are lay preachers and act for the pastor during his long absences on journeys. The young people are particularly active.

"Attachment to the Bible we found once more in all the villages we went through; for many members it is practically the only book they have and know and seek to put into practice. One is both staggered by the spiritual isolation of some of them and amazed by their faithfulness under the most difficult circumstances. . . .

"On our last stop before we leave again for France, a big poster proclaimed 'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.' It is indeed by the grace of the Lord that our friends are finding the strength to live day after day."

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FROM THE NEWS SUPPLEMENT OF our Sunday visitor (Catholic) we quote: "Distributed by War Service-National Catholic Welfare Conference, 1,300,000 pounds of government surplus have been made available to German expellees and welfare institutions last month, according to an announcement of the Rev. Alfred A. Schneider." This was part of 3,500,000 tons distributed for relief in Europe, Father Schneider said. Besides this 11,600,000 pounds of milk and eggs have been distributed, he added.

TEX. DOCTOR'S DISMISSAL FROM CATHOLIC HOSPITAL WILL BE PROTESTED

THE case of Dr. J. M. Stephens, Brownsville (Texas) physician dismissed from further practice in the Catholic Mercy Hospital in Brownsville because he attempted to sterilize a patient (at her and her husband's request) during an operation, is due for national attention as Congress reconvenes—and perhaps in the coming 82nd Congress.

Protestant groups here, bitterly opposed the use of any federal funds for sectarian institutions, pointed out that this was a "perfect example" of the kind of "conflicts and contradictions" which arise from use of such federal funds.

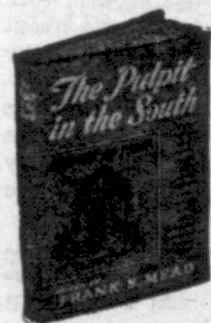
"We Baptists have stood against appropriations of federal funds to any sectarian institutions in the past and will stand against all such allocations in the future," Dr. J. M. Dawson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, commented here. "This Brownsville incident is a perfect example of the conflicts and contradictions which inevitably arise when public monies are put under sectarian control."

The Baptist leader referred to the fact that the Catholic hospital (the only hospital in the city) is receiving federal funds for an expansion program. Yet, rules for operation of the hospital are laid down by Catholic hospital officials, without regard to the feelings of the patients of any race, creed, or color being treated at the hospital.

Dr. Stephens, a 36-year-old Texan, without a church affiliation, pointed out that the hospital was the only one in the community and declared that he thought "the people should know that they and their doctors do not have a free choice when they enter the (Catholic) hospital."

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